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Neuronic Tamperance

Annie and Jake and most of the inhabitants of Crazy Town gather in the town's auditorium where the mayor is on stage. The mayor said, "I have a serious issue to address to all of you. There is a new condition that is appearing everywhere and it is becoming a serious problem and a potential threat to our society. It is…" The mayor pulls down a sheet behind him revealing the word, "AUTISM." The mayor said, "Most of you have probably never heard of this condition before but most of you in this town have it. It is a mental disorder that causes people to do stupid things and they may become a threat to our society. Two of our inhabitants that have this disorder are our very own, Annie and Jake." Isaac and Wayon are on the stage and they push a large thing covered with a drape to the center stage. The mayor said, "Autism has taken a major toll on the lives of Annie and Jake. It has caused them to become defiant people that go against society." Jake stands up and he points to the mayor and said, "We never did anything, 'defiant' to society." The mayor said, "You most certainly did and I have proof of it." The mayor takes out a remote and he makes a projector project a montage of images on the back screen of Annie and Jake doing things against the crazy town over the years. Annie stands up and said, "You locked us in this inhumane town against our will. It is our duty as citizens of the free modern world to fight against oppressive forces." The mayor said, "But my sources say you were defiant against society long before you came to this crazy town. I have proof of that too."

The mayor makes video footage of a younger Jake appear on the screen with a 1998 time stamp in the corner of the screen. Jake is shown fighting against teachers that are pinning him to the floor. Jake said, "You are missing the context. They were attacking me first." The mayor said, "I think I have the context right in its place too." The mayor goes to more footage of kids being mean to Jake and Jake fights against them. The mayor said, "You were barely provoked in that one." Jake's eyes go big and he falls back in his seat while Annie gets up. Annie said, "Jake was just being a kid. A lot of kids do things like that. It doesn't mean they are Autistic. Even if he is Autistic, that is not a reason to detain him against his own will." The mayor said, "I think you have been nothing but a bad influence on Jake. Just look at this." The mayor goes to footage with a 2000 time stamp on it showing a somewhat younger Annie devising

nuclear fusion plans. Annie said, “That was for a school project I had in AP Physics.” The mayor said, “Yes, but these plans could be used to make weapons of mass destruction. You seem to have a personality that influences other people and you have been hanging out with Jake for nearly three years now. Most of your brainwashing has rubbed off on Jake. I think both of you are going to be the first subjects of this new invention I made.”

Isaac and Wayon pull the drape off the machine and it is a snow globe like glass ball on a base with a control panel. The mayor said, “I have finally invented the cure for Autism. It is a machine that generates neural waves that alter the neurons of the brain. It will correct Autism and make you normal.” The mayor looks into the crowd to find Annie and Jake are gone.

Annie and Jake dash down the street. Annie said, “That mayor is the dumbest person that could possibly exist.” Jake said, “Tell me something I don’t know.” Annie said, “Autism is nothing like how the mayor depicted it as. I studied this before. I know people with Autism can be perfectly normal people.” Annie and Jake stop across the street from their residence building as they see the front is barricaded by the mayor’s henchmen. Annie and Jake hide in a bush. Annie said, “I think I know what they are after.” Jake said, “Either that or someone in the residence is hiding something the mayor wants.”

Annie and Jake run far away from the residence building and Isaac and Wayon jump out from a tree and they blast Annie and Jake with net guns that fire black opaque nets. The mayor grabs onto Annie and Jake in the black opaque nets. The mayor gives Isaac and Wayon a look of approval and he said, “You did well.” The mayor hands Isaac and Wayon vouchers for a restaurant and the mayor said, “Here’s your reward.”

Annie is stripped to her bra and panties and Jake is stripped to his boxers. The mayor throws Annie and Jake into the machine. The machine is activated and energy waves float through the machine and Annie and Jake begin to float and twirl around in the glass globe. The energy waves flow through Annie and Jake’s heads and it causes their pupils to turn into jagged lines. Annie and Jake are let out of the machine and their pupils are spirals. The mayor stands in front of them and he said, “So. How much better are you now?” Annie and Jake see the mayor as a vicious looking villain in a hellish venue. Annie and Jake look at each other and they look normal to each other. The mayor pushes Annie and Jake back outside into crazy town and he said, “Enjoy your new neurotypicality.”

Annie and Jake walk around the streets of crazy town. All of the buildings are bright and multicolored and they warp and wobble. A car with a face on it speeds from behind Annie and Jake and almost hits them. An anthropomorphic rat throws a grandfather clock from the balcony and it smashes down in front of Annie and Jake. The face is still intact and it has eyes and a mouth. It says, “Save me!!! Annie and Jake.” Jake said, “This place looks like a plethora of a nonchalant sophisticated façade of pitiful insanity.” Annie said, “I never knew you to use such a sophisticated dialect of terminology.”

Annie and Jake come across people that look like mushrooms with realistic looking faces on cartoon bodies. They form a circle around Annie and Jake and they have Annie and Jake stuck in place. Annie and Jake look freaked out. Jake smacks one of the mushroom people and the mushroom guy falls down and starts crying. The crying mushroom said, “Please. You must be nicer to us.” Other mushrooms push Annie and Jake. One of them said, “What’s yer problem, dirtbag?” Another mushroom said, “It is not our fault we look like this. Just as much as it is not your fault you sound like Mackey Moose.” Jake said, “No one calls me, ‘Mackey Moose’ and lives to talk about it.” Jake jumps on the mushroom and a fight cloud forms. More mushroom people show up and Annie and Jake fight against them. The mayor is in his office watching Annie and Jake beat up a bunch of random people on the street. The mayor is filming this with a video camera. The mayor said, “This is pure gold. Annie and Jake will still be here long after they are dead.”

Lily is walking down the street and she spots Annie and Jake fighting a bunch of random people. Annie and Jake are in the warped world where more bizarre freaks start ganging up on them. A pink furry cat-like humanoid runs next to Jake. The humanoid said, “Jake. What did these people do to you? Did they steal your lollipop again?” Jake said, “They started beating the crap out of me for no apparent reason.” The humanoid said, “Like what the mayor showed us in the video?” Jake said, “This is exactly like it. Only these people look like mushrooms.” Lily looks at the people and she scratches her head. Annie said, “The mayor did something to our perspectives. Everything looks warped and disfigured.”

Firemen come out with hoses and they fire out a pink liquid at Annie and Jake and it makes them go flying and they smash into the side of a wobbling multi-colored building. The firemen drive after Annie and Jake in a comical fire engine. Annie and Jake spot a car with a face on it in front of them. Annie and Jake jump in the car and they drive off. The fire engine chases after Annie and Jake in the comical car.

The mayor is filming the whole thing from a window in his office. Lily enters the office and she said, “Mayor, sir. There is something horribly wrong with Annie and Jake.” The mayor said, “I know there is something wrong with them. There was always something wrong with them.” Lily said, “Jake’s actions are scaring me and I think you have something to do with it.” The mayor said, “Annie and Jake were always broken beyond repair so I fixed them. I used this new machine of mine to rewire the shotty wiring job on their brains.” Lily said, “You rewired their brains?” The mayor said, “I sure did.” The mayor takes a tape out of his camera and he places it into a small mailing package. He said, “Isaac, Wayon!” Isaac and Wayon dash into the office saluting the mayor. Isaac said, “What are your orders?” The mayor said, “Have this tape sent to the state correctional administration. All of our problems will be solved.” Isaac said, “Yes sir.” Lily engages an aggravated look at Isaac and she said, “No you don’t!” Lily jumps in the air and she kicks Isaac in the face. Lily takes the tape out of Isaac’s hand. Lily runs away and she tries to run out the door but Wayon stops her. Wayon said, “That tape does not belong to you and your past will get you sued.” Isaac runs behind Lily and she twirls around Isaac and Wayon. Wayon reaches out his arms at Lily and they get tied around Isaac and Lily gets away.

Annie and Jake are driving the face car down the street and they crash into a fire hydrant and a rainbow is emitted from it. Annie and Jake get out of the car and reality around them begins to look blurry to a point where they cannot make anything out but a faint silhouette of that cat-like humanoid. The cat-like humanoid said, “Annie, Jake. This is all the mayor’s doing. He did this so you will look like a bunch of destructive fools so you can be kept in this crazy town forever. He will use this tape.” The cat-like humanoid shows Annie and Jake the tape in the postal packaging and it looks like a parcel that could come in the mail. Jake said, “I think that package has the key that could remove us from this dreadful reality.” Annie said, “I think so.” A clown demon and a green long limbed alien demon jump out of nowhere and they grab onto the cat-like humanoid and they take the package. They drag her down the street and the clown has the package in his grip. Annie and Jake’s eyes go big and something clicks in their brains. Annie said, “I have an idea. They seem to be ignoring us. Let’s follow them.”

Annie and Jake follow the demons with the cat-like humanoid. They walk into a demonic castle that has a heavy metal door. Annie and Jake run into the heavy metal door just before it closes. They see the demons go into a lift and a magical painting above the lift shows a diagram indicating it is going to the top floor. Annie and Jake find a flight of thin weak wooden stairs and they climb them.

Annie and Jake find themselves in a gladiator stadium where a large glass dome rests in the center. They watch the demons throw the cat-like humanoid into the dome and the cat-like humanoid turns into Lily. Lily is removed from the dome and she is

thrown out of it. Jake said, “Lily?” Lily said, “Jake!” Lily runs and hugs Jake. Lily said, “That package has a video tape in it that is going to be used against you.” Annie said, “We figured that.” The demonic mayor said, “This is reality now. You are not escaping from it.” Annie stares at the dome in the middle of the gladiator arena and her mind pinpoints the insides of the machine. Annie said, “I think I know how to get us out of this.” Annie runs for the dome in the center and she gets stopped by the Isaac and Wayon demons. Jake and Lily confront the demons and Lily said, “No one gets in the way of my boyfriend or his allies.” Lily smacks Isaac and Wayon in the face and she smashes their heads together.

The mayor runs out of the gladiator arena with the tape and Jake and Lily run after the mayor while Annie tampers with the base computer components at the bottom of the glass dome. Jake and Lily are about to run out of the stadium but they are stopped by even more demonic bullies from Jake’s past. One of them said, “You will never be anything more than a tumor on society’s brain.” Jake falls in pain and tons of painful memories flow through his head. His brain begins to grow large veins around and it swells. Lily said, “No one harms my Jake.” Lily goes to heroic battle with the bullies. The bullies grab Lily by her leg and they swing her around and they throw her into the wall. Stars fly around Lily’s head and her eyes turn to jagged lines. The bullies crowd around Jake curled into a ball in pain. Annie sees what is happening and she said, “Bullies are always wrong. You are better than them. Remember, this is all in our minds.” Jake said, “This is all in my mind…” Jake gets visions of himself being a buff action hero. Jake envisions himself growing larger and stronger and he smacks the crap out of the bullies leaving their eyes as Xs. Jake helps up Lily and they go after the mayor.

The mayor is on the street and he is about to drop the package in a mail box and Lily kicks the package out of the mayor’s hand. The mayor gets a tight grip on the package and Lily maintains her tight grip. Jake jumps and smacks the mayor in the head and Lily gets a full grip on the package. Lily runs back to the mayor’s office. Lily shows the tape and she said, “I have the tape.” Annie is working at the base of the globe and she said, “I think I got it ready.” Jake and Lily bring the tape to Annie and the mayor barges back in. The demonic mayor grows larger and more evil looking and he points out a sharp pointy finger and he said, “That tape doesn’t belong to you.” Annie said, “Neither does this globe.” Annie pushes the globe and it moves fast and it traps the mayor. Annie goes to the computer terminal on the machine and the demonic mayor forms into a normal mayor. The mayor looks around at the demonic environment and he said, “What is this place?” Annie switches something on the dome’s computer and she said, “Now it is our turn.” Annie, Jake, and Lily run into the machine and their reality returns to normal.

The mayor is called into a state administration office. The mayor takes a seat and a thick glass window separates him from the interrogators on the other side of the window. One of the interrogators said, “We collected that tape you sent us on Annie and Jake. It does not appear as if they have done anything like you described to us.” The other interrogator said, “If anything, it actually looks like you have done more bad than they have.” The interrogators air footage of the tape on a screen. It has video footage of the mayor punching a streetlight to a point where the metal bends. The mayor (in the video) said, “You are not getting my money you corrupt state bureaucrats.” The mayor lifts up a mailbox and he throws it into a store window and he jumps in the store and he destroys the merchandise on the shelves in the store.

One of the interrogators said, “This footage is enough to get anyone permanently removed from the job. However, we have strict orders from our superiors that you are to remain in command of our asylum regardless. We don’t agree with the order but orders are orders.”

Annie, Jake, and Lily are at a boardwalk looking out into the setting sun. Jake said, “Having our minds altered was a weird experience.” Annie said, “It was strange indeed. I felt myself become smarter. I suddenly became an expert on that dome that altered our minds.” Jake said, “I suddenly became an expert at using terms I never knew existed.” Lily said, “I am glad both of you are back. Especially my Jake.” Lily gets close to Jake and kisses him.